

Habitat Grants



2010 RCO Grant Programs

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Recreation and Conservation Office

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If you want to:

- Acquire habitat for conservation purposes,
- Acquire property for future restoration or passive public access,
- Develop, restore or enhance conservation lands or salmon habitat,
- Improve fish passage
- Or a combination of these

.....Then you are in the right place.

Session Outline:

- Grant Programs Available
- Application Timeline
- The Grant Program's
 - Focus and Priorities
 - Eligible Applicants
 - Project Types
 - Funding Limits
 - Project Examples
 - Project Evaluation Criteria





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Grant Process Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB):

Lead Entity (Schedule & Process Varies by Lead Entity)

Early Application– Mar → Jun

On-site Presentation & Review – Apr → Jul

Final Applications Due – May → Aug

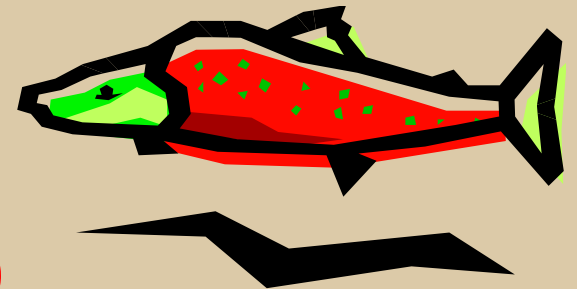
Project Ranking – Jun → Aug

SRFB

Final Application Due Date – Aug 25, 2010

Project Evaluation – Sept → Nov 2010

Projects Approved & Funded – December 10-11, 2010



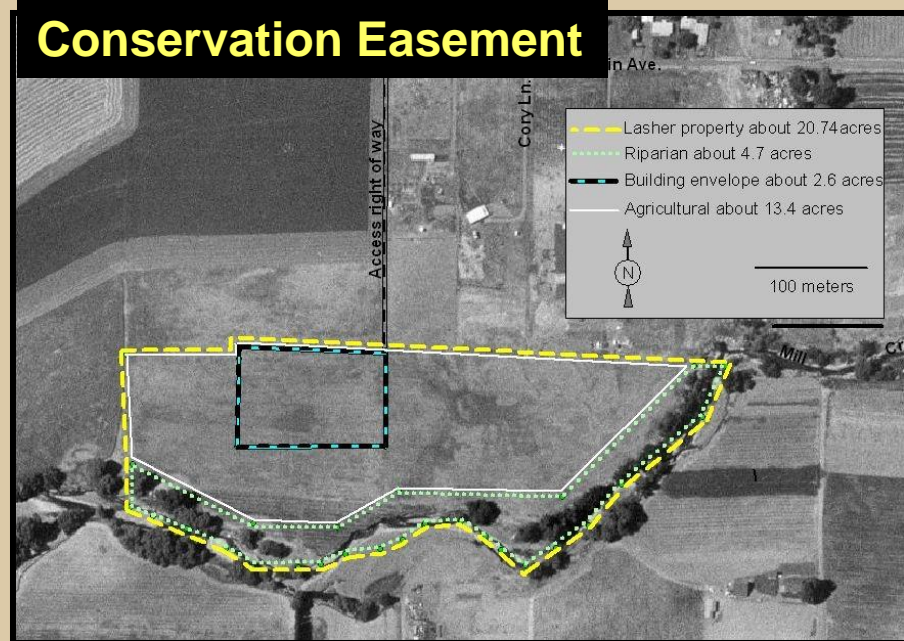
Program Overview

- Money from federal Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund and state dollars
- Acquisition, restoration, or planning projects to enhance salmon habitat
- Eligible Applicants
 - Cities
 - Counties
 - Non-profits
 - Private landowners
 - Conservation districts



- Tribes
- Special purpose districts
- State agencies (must have a local partner)
- Regional fisheries enhancement groups

Project Types: *Acquisition*



Purchase of Rights (water, development, etc)

Project Types: *Restoration*

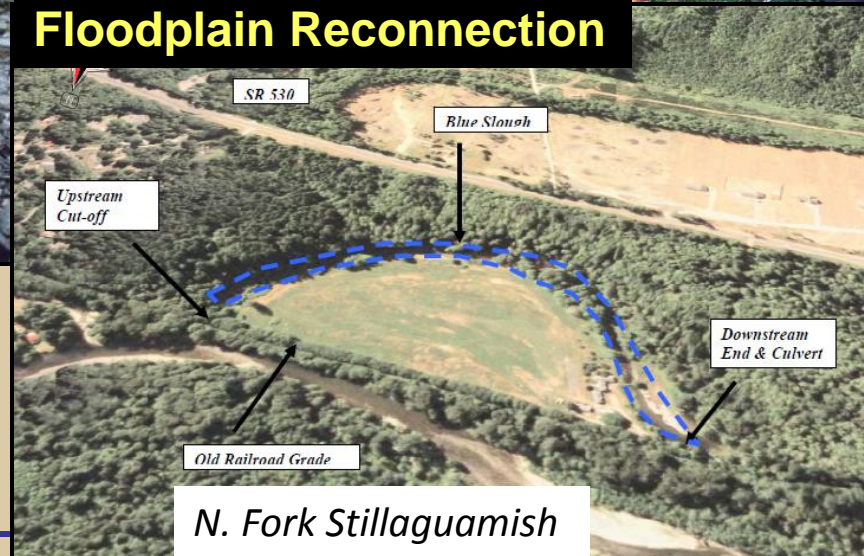
In-Stream



Riparian



Floodplain Reconnection



Project Types: *Restoration*

Fish Passage



Fish Screens



Project Types: *Restoration*

Upland



Estuary

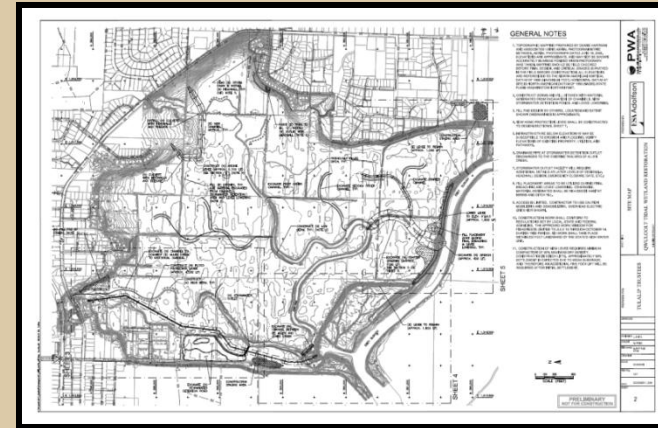


Project Types: *Planning*

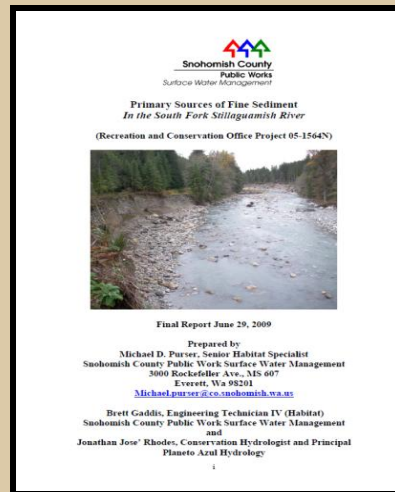
Must lead to:

- Project Design
- Fill priority data gap in restoration strategy

Designs



*Assessments to
Prioritize
Future Actions*



*Barrier
Inventories*



Grant Requirements

- \$5,000 Minimum Request – No Upper Limit
- Project implemented within 2-3 years
- 15% Match (minimum)

EXCEPTION: Design-Only Projects Require NO Match

Must be: Completed in 18 mo
 \leq \$200,000
 \geq 30% Design

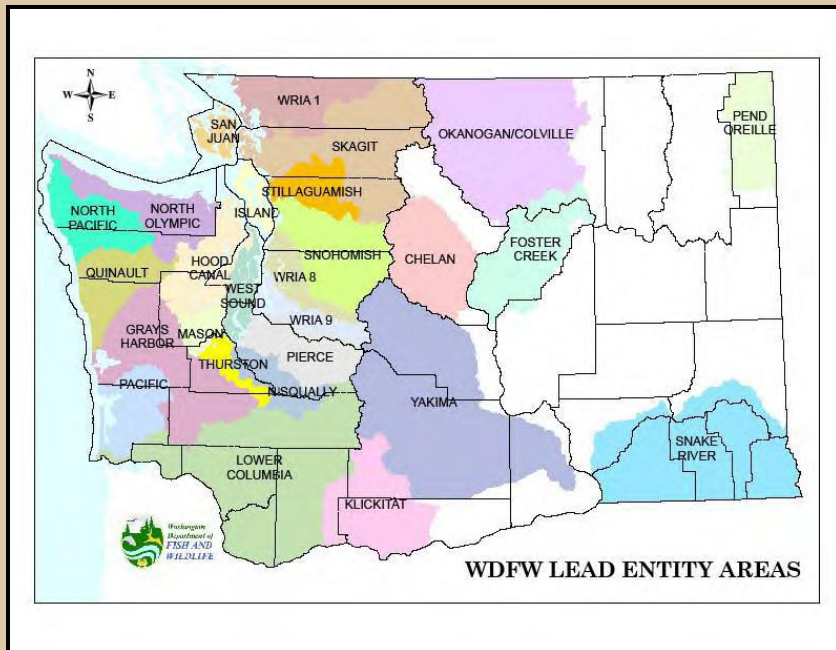
- Long term stewardship (10 plus yrs)



Apply Through Local Lead Entity

Lead entities are local, watershed-based organizations that develop local salmon habitat recovery strategies and then recruit organizations to do habitat protection and restoration projects that will implement the strategies.

http://www.rco.wa.gov/salmon_recovery/lead_entities_contact.shtml



**Lead Entity Schedules and
Requirements Vary**
(Early applications due Mar-Jun)

Final Applications to SRFB
August 25, 2010

Funding Decision
December 10-11, 2010

Projects Must Be:

- Priority in Local Salmon Recovery Plan
- Submitted through Lead Entity
- Primary benefit to salmon

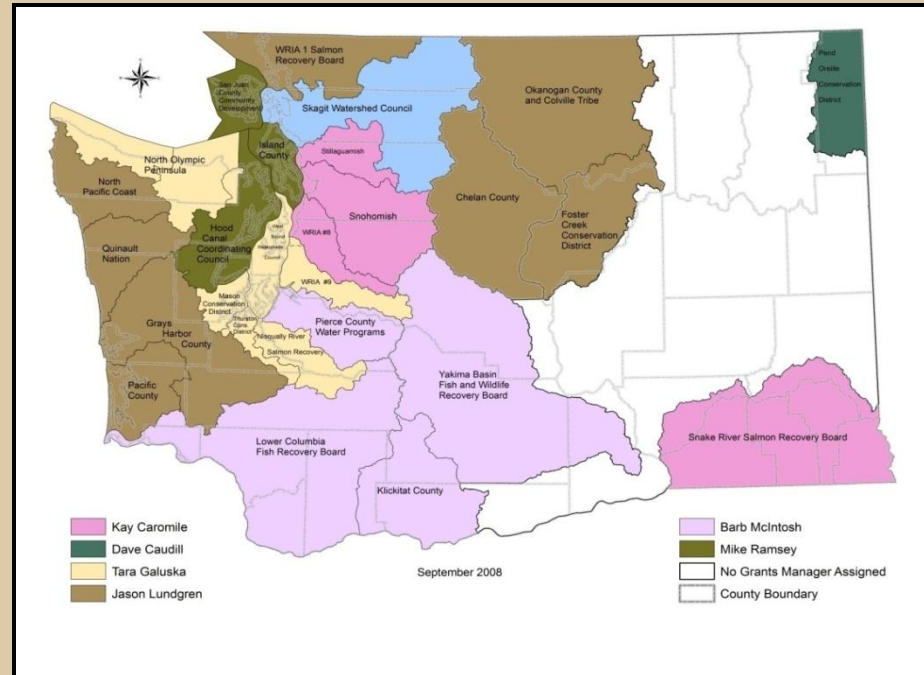
Project Evaluation:

- Evaluated & ranked by lead entity
- Evaluated by SRFB Review Panel for:
 - Benefit to salmon
 - Likelihood of success
 - Cost efficiency



More SRFB Information Available Online at
http://www.rco.wa.gov/salmon_recovery/index.shtml

- SRFB Grant Policies (Manual #18)
- Development Project Policies (Manual #4)
- Acquiring Land Policies (Manual #3)



Contact your Salmon Grant Manager:

http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/contact_salmon_mgr.shtml

Questions?

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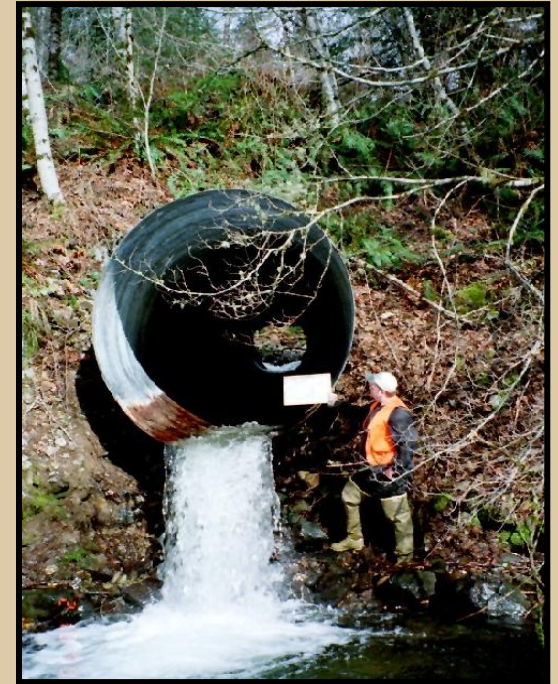
Grant Process FFFPP:

Applications Due – Accepted year-round, but must be in by June 30 for funding following year

Project Prioritization – July - August

Projects Funded – September – October

Project Construct the following summer



Program Overview

State Forest Practice Rules require forest landowners to fix barriers by 2016. Landowners enrolled in program not required to fix barriers until state provides financial assistance for correction.

- Money from the Legislature (through DNR)
- Projects must correct or remove barriers to fish passage
- Eligible Applicants:

Small Forest Landowners

Avg. annual harvest \leq 2 million board ft (max 6 million BF) in previous 3 yrs



ex., Road Abandonment

Program Overview

- Program Partners:

DNR— Main point of contact

RCO — Administers grants

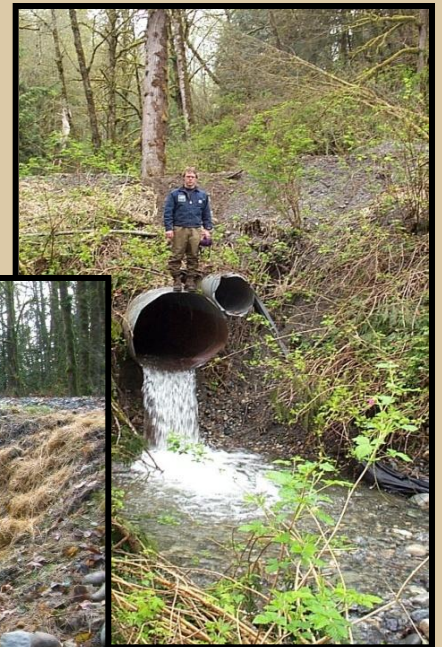
WDFW — Evaluates and ranks projects

WFFA — WA Farm Forestry Assoc — Outreach

Grant Requirements

- Landowner may have a small cost share requirement (\$5,000 max)
- No upper grant limit
- Long term stewardship (10 yrs minimum)

*Before-
Old Culvert*



*After-
New Culvert*



How to Apply

- Send Applications to Small Forest Landowner Office (SFLO) at DNR.

Applications are available at
<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sflo/fffpp/>

- Applications accepted year round.
 - Must be received by June 30th to be considered for funding in the following year

Before



*After-
New Bridge*



Trib. to East Fork Satsop River

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Grant Process ESRP:

Applications Due – Summer 2010

Project Review – September 2010

Technical Completion – November 2010

Project Evaluation – November 2010

Projects Approved – January 2011

Funding Granted – June 2011

Program Overview

- Money from State Building Construction Account
- Match 1/3 (i.e. 33% of total project cost)
- Projects must restore or protect Puget Sound nearshore habitat and estuaries
- Provides phased funding to incrementally support complex projects
 - Begin with feasibility study
 - Continues supporting exemplary projects to completion (supplemental funding considered annually)



Typical Projects Include:

- Acquisition of critical habitat
- Acquisition of property to be restored
- Restoration feasibility and design
- Process based restoration actions

Eligible Applicants:

- Federal, State, & Local agencies
- Native American tribes
- Non-governmental or pseudo-governmental entities
- Private or public corporations



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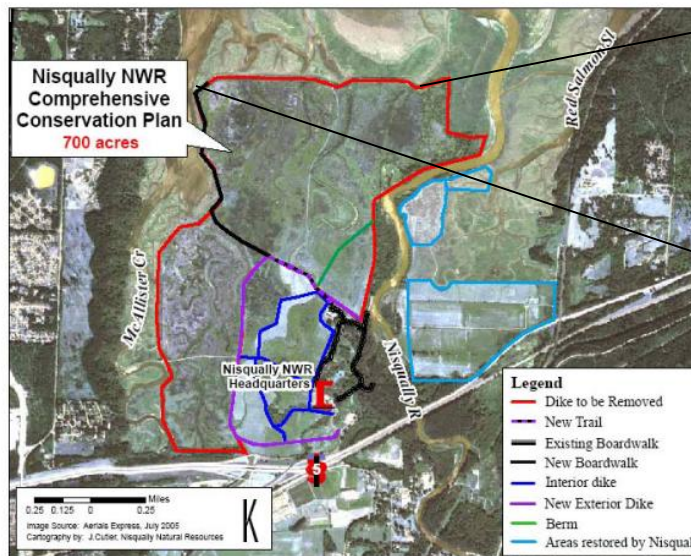
- Acquisition
 - Acquiring shoreline or estuarine habitat
- Restoration
 - Large river deltas
 - Small embayments
 - Sediment transport processes
- Combination

Project Example – Nisqually Estuary Restoration Ducks Unlimited – Large River Delta Restoration Project

Restore 700+ acres of estuarine conditions
and 38 acres tidally influenced forest

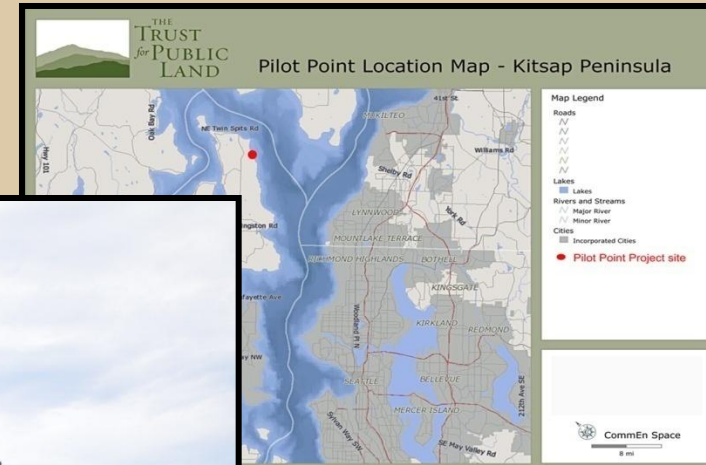
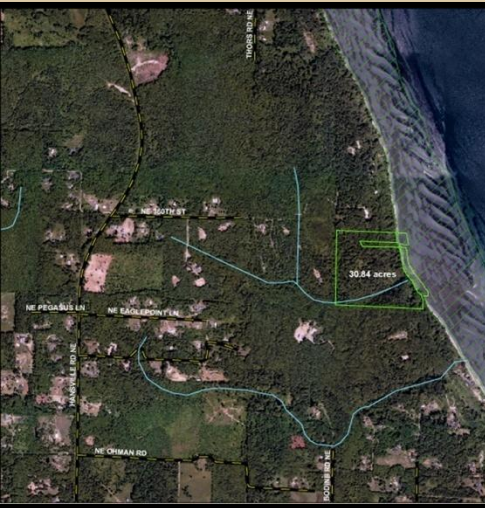


Proposed



Project Example – Pilot Point Protection Project

Kitsap County – Acquisition Project



Protected 34.5 acres of shoreline habitat & public access

For More Program Information and Updates:

- Check our web sites:

<http://www.pugetsoundnearshore.org/esrp.htm>

<http://www.rco.wa.gov/grants/esrp.shtml>

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Key Deadlines - ALEA

Start a New Application— Now

Applications Due – May 3, 2010

Project Review – June 10 and 11 2010

Technical Completion – July 9, 2010

Project Evaluation (in-person) – August 4 and 5 2010

Ranked Lists Approved – October 28, 2010

Funding Granted – July 2011

Program Overview

- Money from DNR's management of 2.6 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands.
- Projects must be adjacent to navigable waters of the state
- Provides grant support to:
 - Purchase, improve and protect aquatic lands
 - Improving public access to aquatic lands



Port of Manchester

Typical Projects Include:

- Acquisition of important habitat
- Parks-near the water
- Trails – to access water
- Restoration of aquatic lands



Eligible Applicants:

- Local governments
- Native American tribes
- State agencies

Project Types:

- Acquisition
 - Acquiring aquatic and/or uplands
- Development
 - Facilities that support public access
- Restoration
- Combination

Funding Limits:

- Acquisition – maximum \$1,000,000
- Restoration – maximum \$500,000
- Development – maximum \$500,000
- Combination – may not exceed \$1,000,000 total of which not more than \$500,000 may be for restoration or development.
- 50 percent match required



Project Example - Lily Point Marine Reserve

Whatcom County — Acquisition, Development and Restoration

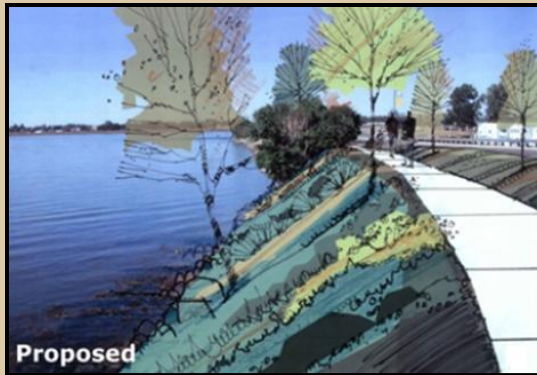
Purchase of 1 ½ mile natural shoreline, 132 acres tidelands and eelgrass beds and 144 acres forest riparian habitat



Develop trails, construct restrooms, install signs and kiosks and restore disturbed areas.



Project Example – Clover Island Improvement Project Port of Kennewick – Restoration and Development Project



Restore shoreline habitat & develop a riverfront pathway

Evaluation Criteria

1. **Fit with ALEA Program Goals**
2. **Project Need**
3. Site Suitability
- 4a. Urgency and **Viability** (acquisition)
- 4b. Project Design and **Viability** (restoration and development)
5. Community Involvement
6. GMA Preference
7. Proximity to People

In-person evaluation process

Key Deadlines - WWRP

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Program Overview

Urban Wildlife Habitat – “lands that provide habitat important to wildlife in close proximity to a metropolitan area.”

- Priority is given to endangered, threatened or sensitive species.

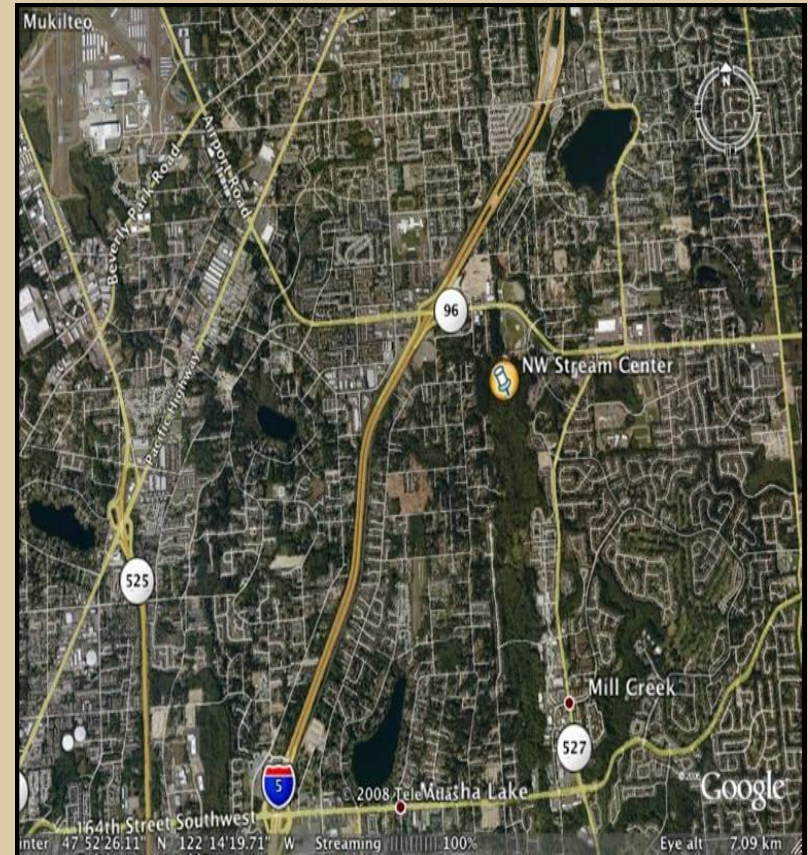


- May serve as a wildlife corridor
- May include and encourage public uses:
 - Wildlife interpretation & observation
 - Education and scientific values

Eligibility:

A proposal must lie

- Within the corporate limits of a town or city with a population of at least 5,000 or within 5 miles of such town or city, or its adopted urban growth area boundary “OR”
- Within 5 miles of an adopted urban growth area in a high density county (250 people per square mile).



Eligible Applicants:

- Local governments,
- Native American tribes
- State agencies

Funding Limits:

- No minimum or maximum amount
- 50% match required – Local agencies and Tribes
- No match requirement for State agencies

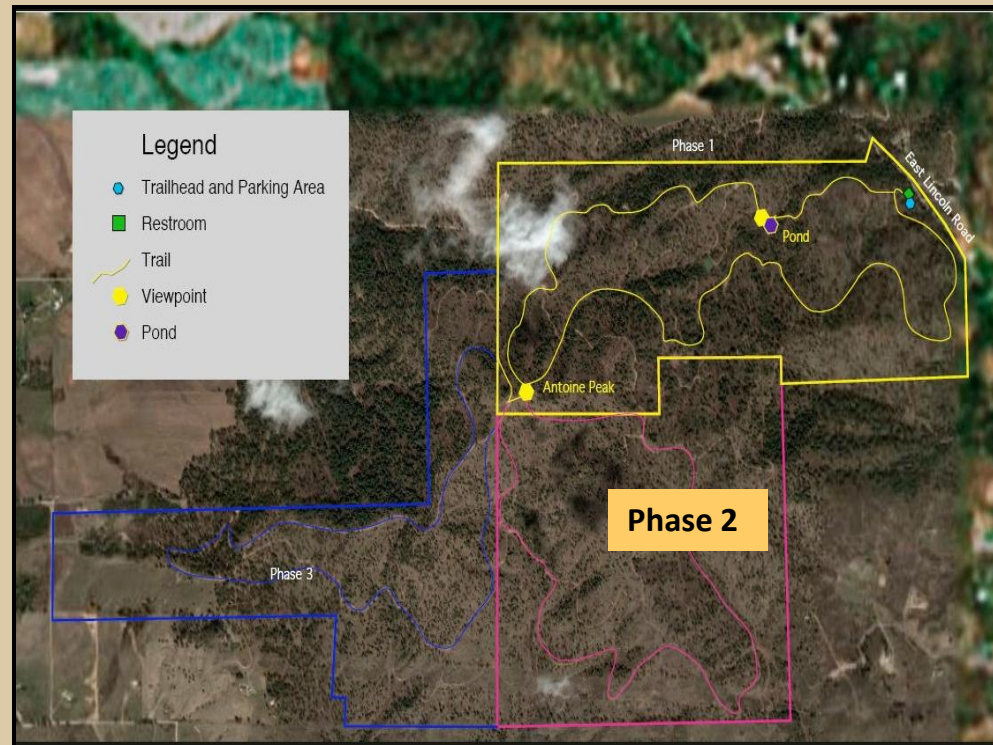
Project Types:

- Acquisition
- Development - limited
- Restoration
- Combination
 - Facility renovation ineligible

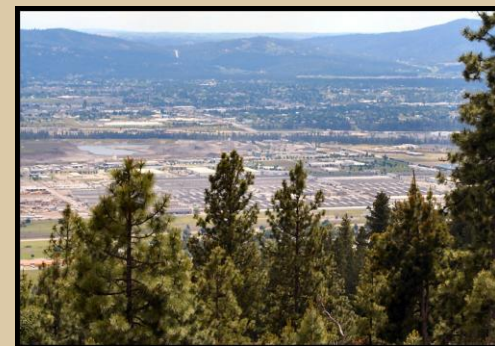
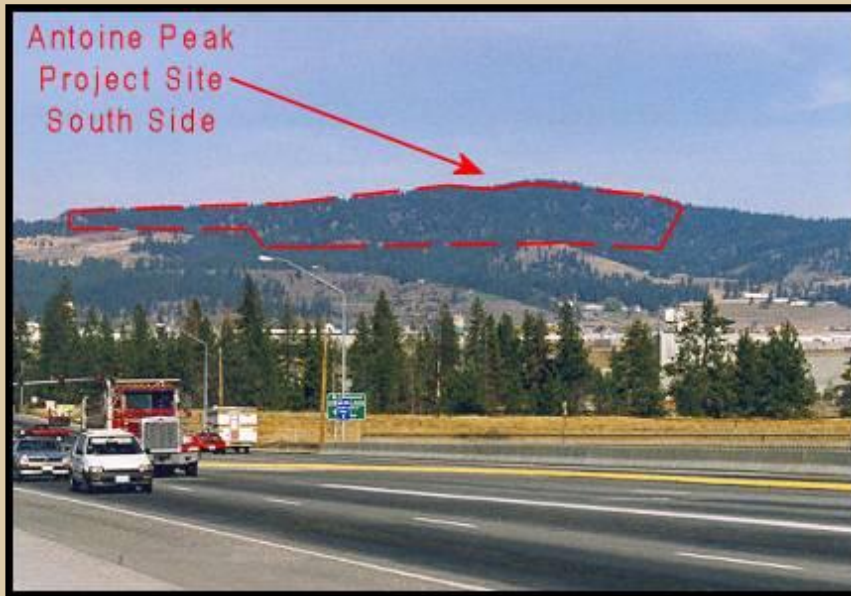


Project Example - Antoine Peak Acquisition Phase 2 Spokane County Parks and Recreation

- Purchase of 370 acres of habitat used by 35 different species.



Project Example - Antoine Peak Acquisition Phase 2 – Con't



Evaluation Criteria - 80 points

1. Project Introduction
2. **Ecological and Biological Characteristics** - 20 Points
3. Species and Communities with Special Status - 10 Points
4. **Manageability and Viability** - 15 Points
5. **Public Benefit** - 10 Points
6. Educational and / or Scientific Value - 5 Points
7. Potential for, and Appropriate Level of, Public Use - 10 Points
8. GMA Planning requirement - 0 Points
9. Proximity to nearest urban area- 10 Points

In-person evaluation process

Funding Allocation – WWRP Urban Wildlife *ONLY*

1. Forty percent to local agency projects
2. Forty percent to state agency projects
3. Remaining twenty percent distributed as follows:
 - a. Fully Fund partially funded local agency projects
 - b. Fully Fund partially funded state agency projects
 - c. Fund the next highest ranked project(s) regardless of sponsor

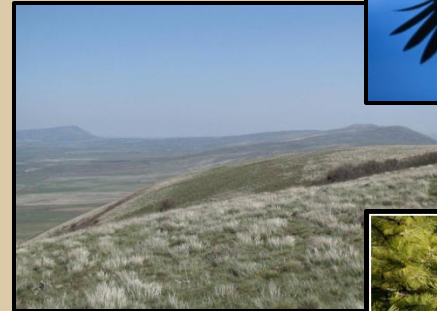
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Program Overview

Critical Habitat - “Habitat for wildlife game and non-game species. Includes habitat for endangered, threatened or sensitive species.”

Includes:

- wetlands
- forest
- shrub-steppe
- deer-elk winter range
- salt and freshwater habitats



Program Overview-con't

Public Use - May include public use where appropriate.

- consumptive
- non-consumptive

However exclusion of public use to protect habitat is allowed.



Restoration - Habitat enhancement and creation is allowed.

Eligible Applicants:

- Local governments,
- Native American tribes
- State agencies

Funding Limits:

- No minimum or maximum amount
- 50% match required – Local agencies and Tribes
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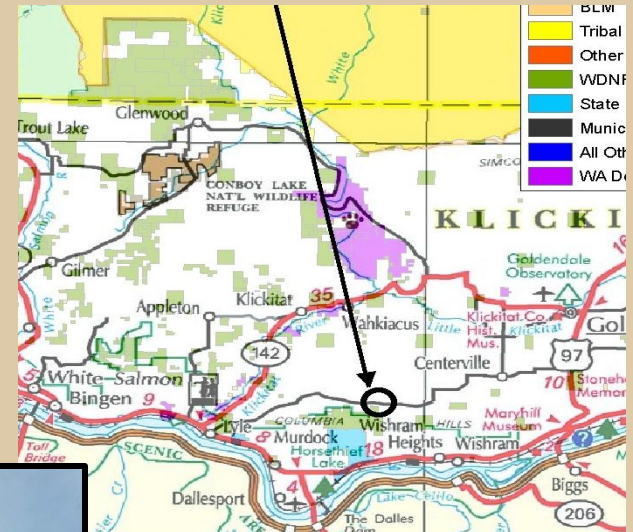


Project Example – Klickitat Steppe, Columbia Hills

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife— Acquisition

Purchase 540 acres in Klickitat County.

Habitat for peregrine falcon, eagle and trout . Area contains cliffs and Oregon white oak woodlands



Evaluation Criteria - 50 points

1. Project Introduction
2. **Ecological and Biological Characteristics** - 20 Points
3. **Species and Communities with Special Status** - 10 Points
4. Manageability and Viability - 15 Points
5. Public Benefit - 5 Points

In-person evaluation process

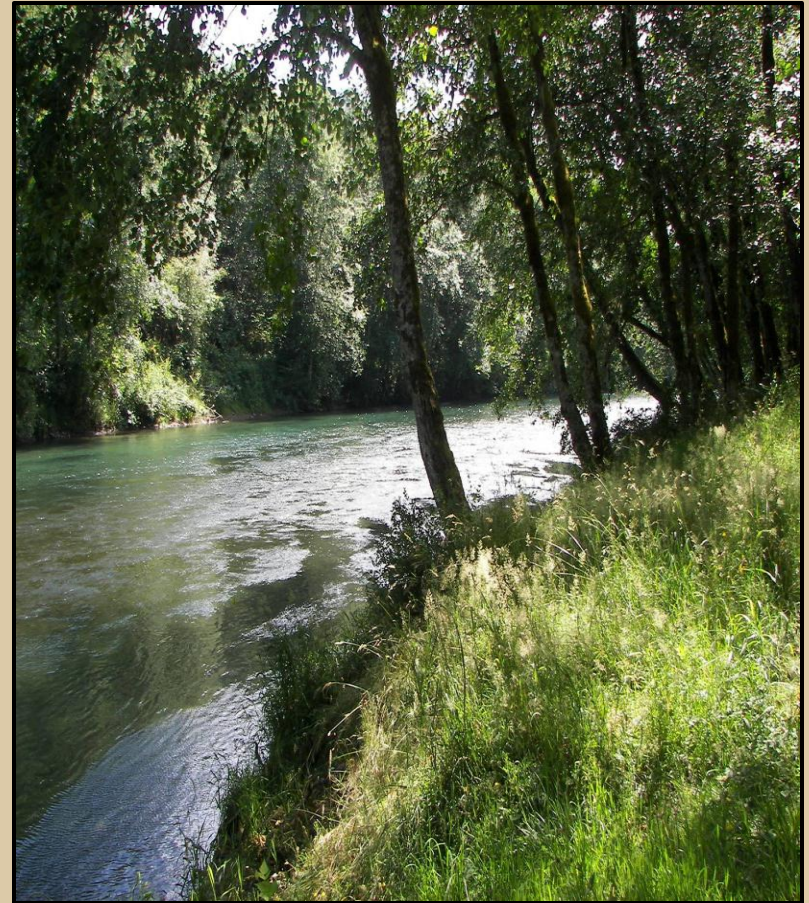
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Program Overview

Riparian Protection- “Projects must provide for riparian habitat protection for lands adjacent to any water body and/or its submerged lands.”

Includes the protection of:

- Wetlands
- Streams and rivers
- Nearshore marine habitat
- Shorelines
- Lakes
- Estuaries



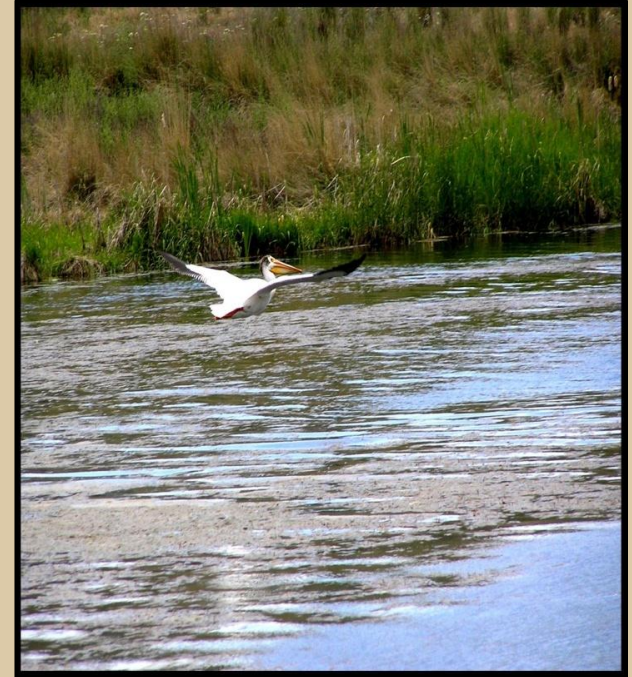
Program Overview – Con't

Projects must include real property acquisition



Projects may include habitat for salmonids, other fish and wildlife species

- Restoration and enhancement allowed
- Passive public access allowed



Eligible Applicants:

- Local governments,
- Native American tribes
- State agencies
- Lead entities
- Nonprofit nature conservancy organizations

Project Types:

- Acquisition – Must Include
- Development - limited
- Restoration
- Combination
- Site stewardship plans

Funding Limits:

- Minimum amount - \$25,000
- No maximum amount
- 50% match required – Local agencies, lead entities, nonprofits and Tribes
- No match requirement for State agencies

Project Example – Squak Valley Park Creekside Restoration

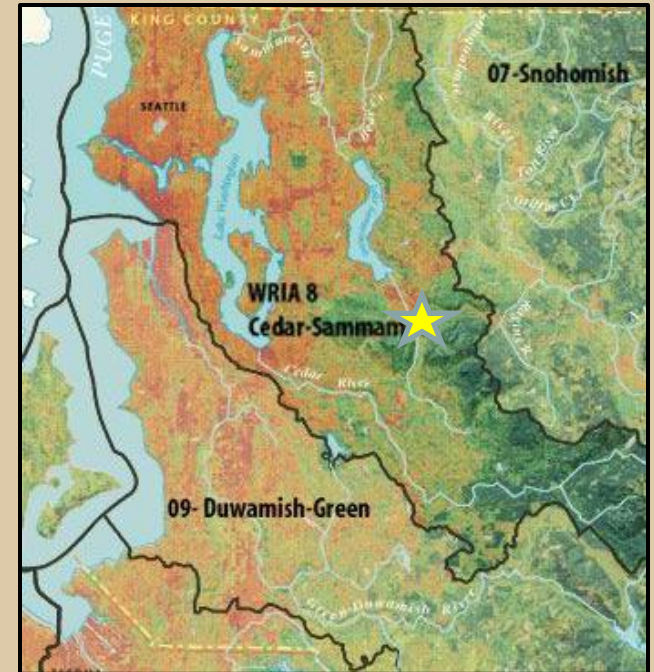
City of Issaquah— Acquisition and Restoration

Purchase 4 acres, ½ fee simple and ½ through conservation easements

Restore In-stream and riparian habitat.

- Install log jams and remove levees

Public Access: Passive use with demonstration and educational opportunities



Evaluation Criteria - 119 points

1. **Riparian Habitat Benefits** - 20 Points
2. **Planning Priority**- 20 Points
3. Site Suitability and Project Design- 20 Points
4. **Threats to the Habitat**- 15 Points
5. Project Support- 15 Points
6. Public Access Opportunities -15 Points
7. **On-going Stewardship and Management** – 10 Points
8. Matching Share – 4 points
9. GMA Compliance – 0 points

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Program Overview

Open to WDFW and DNR only

- Restore or enhance existing state lands
- Areas primarily managed for resource preservation and protection
- Public use may be excluded



Includes:

- Wetlands
- Forest
- Shrub-steppe
- Riparian areas
- Salt and freshwater habitats
- Other native ecosystems

Funding Limits:

- Minimum grant amount- \$25,000
 - Maximum grant amount - \$500,000 for multi-site project
 - Maximum grant amount - \$1,000,000 per single site project
 - No match required
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Project Example – Silverspot Butterfly Enhancement

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Location north of Long Beach , WA

Restore meadow habitat through weed control and planting.

Partners include the Evergreen State College and the Woodland Park Zoo.



Evaluation Criteria - 55 points

1. Project Introduction
2. Ecological and Biological Characteristics - 15 Points
3. **Need for Restoration or Enhancement-** 15 Points
4. Long Term Manageability and Viability - 10 Points
5. Species and Communities with Special Status – 5 points
6. **Plan Priority** – 5 Points
7. Public Benefit - 5 Points

Written evaluation process

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Program Overview

Open to WDFW, DNR, State Parks and General Administration only

- Purchase and limited development of
 - high quality native ecosystems
 - unique plant and animal communities
 - rare geologic features
- Areas must have retained their natural character
- Areas managed primarily for preservation, protection and study
- “Limited” or “no” public use



Includes:

- Wetlands
- Forest
- Shrub-steppe
- Riparian areas
- Salt and freshwater habitats
- Other native ecosystems

Funding Limits:

- No minimum or maximum grant request per project
- No match requirement

Project Types:

- Acquisition
- Development (limited)

Project Example – Lacamas Prairie Natural Area
Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Location northeast of Vancouver, WA

Purchase 225 acres of wet prairie critical to
6 rare plant species

Partners USFWS, WA Native Plant Society,
The Nature Conservancy and The Cascade
Land Conservancy



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